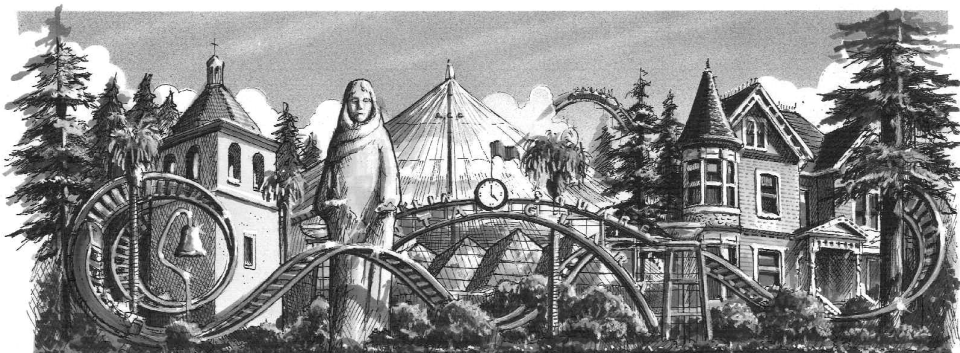




## INSIDE SANTA CLARA

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

SUMMER 2010



This issue of "Inside Santa Clara" includes three important inserts!

**Water Quality Report**  
**Get involved - Volunteer**  
**Survey of senior issues & interests**

## Celebrate July 4th!



Come to the 4th of July All City Picnic and celebrate Independence Day at this traditional City of Santa Clara event! The picnic will be held in Central Park from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Start the morning with an outdoor pancake breakfast, and

relax to live entertainment throughout the day at the Pavilion. There will be a Flag Dedication Ceremony at 12 noon, followed by the band, Crossman Connection (Country Rock and mainstream Country) at 12:30 p.m. The Hitmen (Dance Party Machine) will perform at 3 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase all-American foods prepared by local community groups. Families will enjoy the reasonably priced activities including carnival games and face painting near the softball field, and swimming at the International Swim Center.

As this issue of *Inside Santa Clara* was going to press, the City was grappling with a serious revenue shortfall and potential reductions to the City's budget for fiscal year 2010-11 were being considered. Due to this revenue shortfall, at press time the fireworks budget for July 4, 2010 had not yet been finalized. When available, information will be posted on the front page of the City's website, at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

## Budget revenues down significantly; City exploring options

As you know from your own household experience, a budget is a plan of anticipated income and expenses – there is nothing guaranteed about it. The same is true for the City budget that is prepared and approved each year. Revenues are projected based on the best information available at the time, and both fixed and variable expenses are estimated. If there's a gap, then the options are to find ways to increase what's coming in, reduce what's going out, and/or to use savings to make up the difference.

During a review of Fiscal Year 2009-10 revenues at a March, 2010 City Council meeting and at subsequent meetings, the City examined how closely actual revenues and expenditures were matching those projected for the year. The FY 2009-10 budget report was sobering. A projected gap of \$6.7 million in the General Fund that the adopted budget covered with the use of our working capital (emergency) reserves is actually projected to be closer to \$15 million. Filling that gap for this fiscal year will require the City to use the remainder of its emergency reserves, leaving no reserves available to help address budget gaps in the upcoming FY 2010-11, gaps that are currently projected even higher at about \$20 million.

While the City was extremely conservative in estimated revenues for the current fiscal year, sales tax, transient occupancy tax, interest income and other revenue categories are down even more significantly than anticipated as the economic recession lingers. There is no indication that any of these sources of revenues will turn around quickly or significantly.

Although expenses for FY 2009-10 at the end of the year are projected to be about \$2.1 million lower than budgeted, thanks to the managed hiring freeze and multiple departmental efforts to reduce expenditures, it is clear that the City will need to take more drastic actions to reduce expenses in the coming fiscal year. At the May 11, 2010 City Council meeting, the City Manager warned that these steps will include the elimination of more than

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## Parks & Recreation summer offerings



**Summer is here!** Don't miss out on the assortment of camps and classes being offered right here in the City of Santa Clara. There are many different ways to enjoy your summer. Registration for the below listed camps has already begun. Please call 615-3140 for dates and availability.

### CAMPS

- ❖ **C.A.T.S. (8-15 yrs.)** Creative Artistic Theatrical Showcase is one of the most popular Junior Theatre programs. Participants come to daily acting, dancing, and singing rehearsals, culminating in the production of a full-scale stage musical. This year, we will present the exciting musical "The Phantom Tollbooth," which will be showcased at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts. Call 615-3161 for more information.
- ❖ **F.A.C.E. Camp (7-13 yrs.)** Fine Arts Camp Extraordinaire is designed to bring out each camper's creative expression through art, dance, and drama. In

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## Santa Clara to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15%

The City of Santa Clara, already considered among the top cities in the U.S. in terms of its green energy policies, is taking another big step to battle climate change by further reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by City government operations.

The City will work toward reducing its GHG emissions (as calculated in 2005) by another 15 percent by the year 2020. The year 2005 is used as the base line by most California agencies as it was the earliest year for which accurate data is available. The main sources of GHG emissions from City government operations are Santa Clara's closed landfill, facility energy use, and City vehicles. Utility emissions are inventoried separately under protocols and reduction targets set by the state.

The old landfill is already the site of a recently installed recovery and conversion system used to convert methane gas into electricity. The system replaced outdated equipment used at the landfill since 1986 and is now generating enough electricity to power 500 homes.

The City continually upgrades equipment and control technology for its facilities, including buildings, water and wastewater management, and streetlights. Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility, already supplies more than 25 percent of its power mix from renewable resources and provides rebates and advice for residents and

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# School Facilities Bond update from Santa Clara Unified School District

- Cabrillo Middle School – Construction began in May to modernize the Multipurpose Building. The project includes a new kitchen, fitness room and art classroom. Electrical, communications and heating systems will be replaced along with air conditioning. The building will be back in use this fall. Work will begin to modernize the middle classroom wing this summer. This wing will include a new expanded library, six science labs, three computer application classrooms, a new teacher lounge and new restrooms. The project will be ready next spring, 2011.
- Peterson Middle School – The school offices and library are in temporary facilities since the old buildings were demolished last December. The Division of State Architect is reviewing plans for a new school Administration and Library Building. Construction will start this summer. Plans are underway to modernize the Science, Shops and Home Economics Buildings. New fire alarm and communications systems will be extended to more buildings this summer. Renovation and repair work including roofing, painting and floor finishing will be done this summer to the gymnasiums along with various repairs to the locker building. Planning is underway to modernize the remaining buildings and replace covered walkways.
- Buchser Middle School – Surveys of existing underground utilities are underway. Architects have begun preparing drawings for the next phase of projects.
- Santa Clara High School – In late May temporary locker facilities were set up so that modernization of the Auxiliary Gymnasium and Locker Building can begin this summer. Work on the Main Gymnasium will begin next summer. A second campus electrical service is nearing completion which will power new stadium lights being installed this summer and future modernization projects including air conditioning. Design has begun to modernize the three academic classroom wings.
- Wilcox High School – The Main Gymnasium and Boy’s Locker facilities were completed in May. Modernization of the shops and art buildings will start this summer. Temporary classroom portables will be installed this summer. Design of a new three-story academic classroom wing is proceeding rapidly. Construction will begin next year.
- Wilson Educational Options – Twelve new portable buildings, an expanded parking lot and a new campus wide electrical service are complete. Design of new pool facilities is nearing completion. Architects were preparing drawings for the next phase of projects.

## General Plan update moves to new phase

This spring, the public was invited to comment on the Draft General Plan for 2010-2035, and a revised draft is now being developed. In July, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this update will be circulated for a 45-day review period. Public hearings on both the DEIR and the Draft General Plan are tentatively scheduled for October and November, 2010. More information is available on the City website. Questions or comments can be sent to Associate Planner Julie Moloney at [jkmoloney@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:jkmoloney@santaclaraca.gov).

## City Library among top 10 in U.S. — again

For the eighth time in 10 years, Santa Clara City Library has been ranked in the top 10 of U.S. public libraries for communities with 100,000 to 249,999 in population. The ratings are published in *American Libraries*, the journal of the American Library Association. The ratings are based on a compilation of 15 weighted input and output measures, such as “expenditures per capita” and “circulation of items per capita,” standard data reported by all libraries nationally to their state library. [For more library updates, go to pages 7 and 13.](#)

## City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values

Ethical  
Professional  
Service-Oriented  
Fiscally Responsible  
Organized  
Communicative  
Collaborative  
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making Ethical Values a Good Habit



## CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

Summer 2010

(delivered bulk mail to every residential and business address in Santa Clara)

### Santa Clara City Council

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### City Goals and Priorities 2009-2011

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2009-11 can be found on the City website. Visit [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and search for “Council goals.”)

### City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.  
- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



## City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and search for “City Meetings.”

- \* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
- \*\* Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
- \*\*\* Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov)  
Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.



# Stay safe this summer

## Protect your vehicle

- Vehicle break-ins are one of the most common crimes. They are usually random and are a crime of opportunity. Follow these crime prevention tips to protect your vehicle and valuables:
- **ALWAYS lock your vehicle** - An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to a thief. Lock up your vehicle even if you are making a quick stop and take the keys with you.
- **Close all windows** - Professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.
- **NEVER leave valuables inside your vehicle or trunk** - Remove purses, cellular phones, GPS systems, iPods, stereo face-plates, garage door openers, and other valuables.
- **Use anti-theft devices** - Alarms, steering wheel locks and a locking gas cap are all a deterrent.
- **Park in visible, well-lighted areas** - Avoid parking in secluded and dark areas. Don't leave a vehicle in unattended public parking lots for an extended period.
- **Record serial numbers and mark your valuables with an identifying number** - Operation Identification through the Police Department can help. For information, call 615-4876.

Contact the Santa Clara Police Department (911 emergency and 615-5580 non-emergency) immediately to report a crime in progress and any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles in your neighborhood.

## Avoid mosquitoes and West Nile Virus



This year's wet spring has increased the chance of standing water in your yard – the perfect home for mosquitoes that could be infected with West Nile Virus. Infections caused by this virus can produce unpleasant symptoms in healthy people, such as fever, headache, muscle aches, nausea and vomiting, but can pose a serious threat to individuals aged 50 or older and those with compromised immune systems or diabetes. There

is no specific treatment for West Nile Virus.

Peak activity for mosquitoes in Santa Clara County is July and August, so the start of summer is the best time to take preventive action.

### At home:

- Drain or dump standing water weekly since this is where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check items such as flowerpots and planter bases, toys, cans, leaky water faucets and sprinklers, rain gutters, buckets, pools, ponds, and old tires.
- Make sure your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.

### Outdoors:

- Limit activities during dusk and dawn to prevent mosquito bites. Those are the times when the mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus are most active.

However, if you need to go outside, or when in an area where mosquitoes are most active:

- Apply insect repellent containing D.E.T., Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (p-menthane diol), following label instructions.
- Dress in long sleeve shirts and long pants, preferably of light colors.

To report neglected swimming pools or any other source of standing water, call Santa Clara County Vector Control District at 918-4770 or 1-800-675-1155. To report dead birds and squirrels, call 1-877-968-BIRD (2473).

For up-to-date information on control efforts or for tips on West Nile Virus prevention, call the Hotline at 1-800-314-2427, or visit [www.sccvector.org](http://www.sccvector.org).

## Enjoy fireworks from a safe distance

Fireworks cause more than 24,000 fires and 9,000 injuries each year. The Santa Clara Fire Department urges everyone to only enjoy fireworks on July Fourth from a safe distance, at one of public fireworks displays in the area. The possession and use of all fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks are illegal in the City of Santa Clara, even if purchased in a city where they are allowed.



## Summer safety tips from the Santa Clara Fire Department

Summer is here...time for sun, fun and long, lazy days. But don't be lazy when it comes to fire hazards and personal safety. Follow summer safety tips so you can assure that you and your family will spend your summer doing activities you enjoy, instead of visiting the emergency room.

### Barbecue Safety

- Keep grills away from anything that can burn including your home, vehicles, dry vegetation and other combustibles.
- Don't leave your grill unattended. Keep children and pets away from the grill.
- Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills; **never use gasoline**.
- Once the coals have been lit, **never add lighter fluid to the fire**. Flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. If the fire is slow, add more kindling or more coals, not lighter fluid.
- Soak the coals with water before you discard them and keep the grill away from the house or other combustibles until completely cool.
- For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside, away from structures, and turn off valves when not in use.
- **Never use any type of grill inside the home or in an enclosed area**. In addition to a fire hazard, use of the grill indoors can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Teach your children that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys. Keep them out of your child's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet, so they are not accessible to them.

### Fireworks

Leave them to the professionals! Every year, fireworks used by amateurs cause thousands of injuries serious enough to require visits to the emergency room. Not only are they dangerous, they are also illegal in the City of Santa Clara. Instead, plan on enjoying the holiday at a public event.

### Enjoying Your Pool...Safely

- Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for American infants and children under the age of five.
- With a swimming pool, there is no substitute for adequate supervision. Do not leave children unattended, in or around the pool, even for a second.
- Do not allow anyone to swim without supervision. Even an experienced swimmer can drown if they bump their head, become entrapped, or have medical emergencies like seizures or blackouts in the water.
- Make sure you have adequate adult supervision for children. Children can drown in pools even if they are surrounded by people. Do not rely on the idea that a drowning person will splash loudly or call out for help. Drowning is usually silent.
- A fence, wall, or natural/artificial barrier should completely enclose your pool or spa. All gates or doors leading from the house to the pool area should have a self-closing and self-latching mechanism that protects against unauthorized entry and use.
- Do not place objects such as chairs or tables near the pool or spa fence. This could allow a child to climb over the fence.
- Always completely remove the pool and/or spa cover before using the pool or spa, to avoid the possibility of anyone becoming trapped and drowning under the cover.
- Keep pool and spa chemicals separate from each other, and from other chemicals. Violent reactions such as explosion, fire, or noxious gas production can occur when incompatible chemicals come in contact with each other.
- Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Always store them outside the home and away from any heat source or flame.

### Safety on Wheels

- **When you are on wheels, wear a helmet**. This includes bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and skates. Other safety equipment for scooters, skateboards, and skates includes kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards, and gloves.
- Set a "no helmet, no wheels" rule with your children. Teach your children how to be safe by being a good example and wearing safety gear yourself. You will not only enforce these good habits with your children, but you will keep yourself safe as well.

By following these quick and simple tips, we can all have a safe and fun summer. For more information about fire and life safety, contact Santa Clara Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal at 615-4970.





# It's time for fun in the summer sun!

*Enjoy Santa Clara's beautiful weather with these outdoor activities*

## Stroll the Farmers Market

The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market is in full swing every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead and Benton all year round. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market, this weekly event provides Santa Clara residents with fruits and vegetables fresh from local fields and orchards, as well as live music to enjoy while shopping. Breads, cakes and other baked goods are also available, and fresh seafood from the California coast. Summer's delectable fruits like peaches, plums, apricots, melons and a wide assortment of summer berries and vegetables provide an easy and delicious way to eat healthy. Don't forget to bring your own bags! Questions? Call (510) 745-7100.



## Enjoy concerts in the park

The City of Santa Clara's Concerts in the Park series offers free performances on three Wednesday evenings and seven Sunday afternoons at Central Park Pavilion. Evening concerts are 6:30-8 p.m. and Sunday concerts are 2:30-4 p.m. The series is sponsored by the City Cultural Advisory Commission. For more information, call 615-2210.

June 23	The Sparkletones	50's Rock
June 30	Silicon Valley House Rockers	Rock-n-Roll/ R&B
July 7	Mission City Opera & Santa Clara Chorale	Opera & Chorale
July 11	Shabang Steel Drum Band	Caribbean
July 18	Big Rain	Rock/Country/Blues
July 25	Cool Under Pressure	Contemporary Rock
Aug 1	Paula Brandman Quintet	Jazz/Pop
Aug 8	Sidesaddle & Co.	Bluegrass
Aug 15	Dave Crimmen	Rockabilly
Aug 22	To be announced	

## Tour the banners



Hand-painted outdoor banners by local artists are on display this summer on El Camino Real, between Lincoln St. and Los Padres Blvd. The banners, which will hang from street light poles, represent the 4th biennial Art in the Air exhibit, sponsored by the City and its Cultural Advisory Commission. The exhibit continues through September.

Santa Clara County artists were invited to submit entries for the exhibit. The winning designs, selected by the Cultural Advisory Commission, reflect a wide range of artistic styles.

A full-color brochure showing each work of art and the names of the artists will be available at many City facilities including City Hall and Central Park Library, as well as the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the exhibit, call 615-2219.

## Play golf for charity

Enjoy a great tournament at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club on July 9 while supporting three worthy causes serving community youth – the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Scholarship Fund, Friends of Parks & Recreation (which provides financial and volunteer support for a variety of City Parks & Recreation programs and events), and the Kiwanis Club of Santa Clara that provides volunteer support and funds for youth services including the annual Fish Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, and the Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration.

The charity tournament entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, cart rental, tee prizes, refreshments, awards and a post-tournament party at David's

Restaurant. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Sign up deadline is July 1. Entry forms are available at the Parks & Recreation office and the Community Recreation Center. Call 615-2260 or 615-3160 for entry information or to sponsor a hole.

## Watch the world's best swimmers

The summer season will soon be upon us and that means the best swimmers in the United States and from throughout the world will again come to Santa Clara the weekend of June 17-20, 2010, to participate in the 43rd Santa Clara International Invitational Swim Meet. This annual showcase of some of the best swimmers in the world is a part of the United States Swimming Grand Prix series and will be webcasted this summer on [SwimNetwork.com](http://SwimNetwork.com) through United States Swimming, as well as televised by Universal Sports. The sport of swimming continues to enjoy success on all levels and last summer was no different. USA again was the predominant force in swimming at last summer's World Championships held in Rome, Italy.

This summer the swim center will play host to such names as Matt Grevers, Dana Vollmer, Ryan Lochte, Ariana Kukors, Katie Hoff, Tyler Clary, Allison Schmidt plus top swimmers from South America, Europe, Japan, and Canada. Held at the George F. Haines International Swim Center, the Invitational meet will be one of the major competitions leading up to USA Nationals and Pan-Pacific Championships held in August in Irvine, California.

Beginning Thursday afternoon, June 17 at 4 p.m. and concluding on Sunday evening, June 20, 2010, the meet will be the place to see not only the best from last year, but also the new up-and-comers for this year and beyond. Preliminaries begin daily at 9 a.m. with finals starting each evening at 5 p.m. Advanced tickets can be purchased now, and further updates can be found through the Santa Clara Swim Club's website at [www.santaclaraswimclub.org](http://www.santaclaraswimclub.org).

## Whack a ball

Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, located at 5155 Stars and Stripes Dr., features 18 championship holes, lighted driving range, practice putting green, seven lighted tennis courts, pro shop, shower facilities, locker room and restaurant. Private and group golf lessons are available. For information regarding any of these call 980-9515.

A junior golf program is ideal for kids ages 8-17. Membership includes free lesson clinics offered twice a week, free range balls and free golf. Santa Clara residents receive priority registration. Assistance is available to those in need. Junior golf instruction is provided by Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club professionals and PGA and LPGA pros. Qualifying golfers may join the junior team to gain tournament experience. Call 980-9515 for more information.

## Go outdoors after dark



The City of Santa Clara will participate in the 27th Annual National Night Out program, designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit by creating a positive police and

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# Fun

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community partnership.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m., residents in neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police to promote neighborhood unity against crime.

Neighborhood events can be casual and informal such as a potluck or ice cream social, or more elaborate activities including closing off a block for a street party. A petition needs to be signed by all neighbors affected by a street closure and submitted to the City Business License Division at least two weeks before the event.

For more information, contact DeAnna Black in the Community Services Unit of the Police Department at 615-4876 or email [dblack@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:dblack@santaclaraca.gov).

## Buy or sell

Saturday, Aug. 14 is “Garage Sale Day” when residents throughout the City are encouraged to hold garage sales at the same time. The event will be advertised in local newspapers, as well as on Cable Channel 15 and on the City’s website. Some tips for a successful garage sale are listed below.

- Gather items to sell – Go through your home, garage and attic to identify items no longer wanted or needed.
- Inventory – Write down the items you want to sell and their prices on a master list (helpful in case a price tag is lost).
- Price items – Use brightly colored tags or large stickers and write clearly.
- Post signs – On private property only (no signs may be posted on utility or street sign poles). Use A-frame signs, mount signs on stakes in your yard, or put a sign on your car or van. Use bright colors and bold lettering when making signs.
- Prepare for your sale – Have change and petty cash available. Display sale items attractively (furniture clean and polished; clothing on hangers or folded neatly; books and knick-knacks dusted, etc.). Use newspaper to wrap breakables, and have plenty of bags and boxes available.
- Donate usable items not sold – Gently used books, CDs and DVDs can be donated to the library; clothing, appliances, and furniture can go to various charitable organizations.

Detailed information on holding a successful garage sale, places to donate unsold usable items, rules for garage sale signs and their placement, etc. can be found at [santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1499](http://santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1499) or call 615-2063.



## Have tea in the garden



The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. will be the setting for an “Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show” from 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 13.

Guests will be served tea, scones, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries. Guests will also enjoy a vintage hat and fashion show featuring costumes and dress of the 19th and early 20th century. The historical fashion show will be organized and performed by actors from History San Jose’s renowned “Portraits of the Past” who take on the roles and model the clothes once worn by actual pioneers from Santa Clara Valley’s past. Guests will also receive a pass to return, at a later date, for a private tour of the

beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House with its delightful antique collections.

Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 in advance. Purchase early, seating is limited. Contact Maria at 246-3822 for more information or to reserve tickets leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass House Museum at 249-7905. Event information will also be posted on the Harris-Lass Museum website at <http://www.harrislass.org>.

## Volunteer at Ulistac



Volunteers are needed to continue the restoration and maintenance of the California native vegetation and preserve the wildlife habitat of Ulistac Natural Area, 40 acres of open space that showcase the way this valley looked more than a century ago. Workdays are June 5 and 20, July 18, and August 7 and 15, and will occur from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to avoid the hot afternoons. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy work shoes, be equipped with sunscreen and hats, and bring a lunch and plenty of water for drinking. Gloves and tools are provided.

Please keep an eye out! A few people have brought their own plants to Ulistac, such as a blueberry bush and a Christmas tree, planting them in the park. These non-native plantings are not appropriate for Ulistac, and will be removed.

Ulistac Natural Area is located along the Guadalupe River on Lick Mill Boulevard south of Tasman Drive. Public access is provided from Lick Mill Boulevard and the creekside trail along the Guadalupe River. The park is open every day from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Visit the website at [scu.edu/envs/ulistac](http://scu.edu/envs/ulistac) or email [ulistac@scu.edu](mailto:ulistac@scu.edu) for more information. See the special volunteer insert in this issue of “Inside Santa Clara” for more opportunities to volunteer!

## Sister Cities art contest award winner



Natalie Cowan is the Grand Prize winner of the 6th annual Showcase of Young Artists, sponsored by the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association. She will receive a \$100 cash award and have her artwork submitted to the Sister Cities International Showcase in Washington, D.C., to compete with young artists from around the world. The top two winners of that competition will receive an all expense paid trip to the International Youth

Conference this July in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Twenty three students entered the contest and each received a \$25 gift certificate from University Art. Natalie is a junior at Adrian C. Wilcox High School.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association hopes to send five students to the International Youth Conference where they will stay in university dorms, meet students from around the world, and follow a program designed to build awareness to international issues, team play and solutions to various scenarios. For more information, visit the website at [www.santaclarasistercities.org](http://www.santaclarasistercities.org).





# The latest dirt on Bay-Friendly Gardening



Would you like to have a less-toxic garden, and reduce or eliminate use of chemicals? The Bay-Friendly Gardening program is a series of workshops developed to encourage residents to make environmentally friendly gardening choices that reduce waste and protect the watersheds of San Francisco Bay. Find out how to build healthy soil, create a backyard compost pile, minimize fertilizer use, and select appropriate plants. All participants will receive the *Bay-Friendly Gardening Guide*. All of the one-day workshops are \$20 each, payable in advance, and scheduled in July through November at locations throughout Santa Clara County. See the selection of classes and dates, and pre-register for them at [www.ReduceWaste.org](http://www.ReduceWaste.org), or call 918-4640.

# Help Santa Clara’s animals this summer



The Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) operates the only cageless Animal Care Center in Silicon Valley and offers a variety of services to Santa Clara residents.

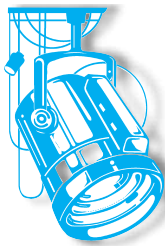
“We do all we can to help homeless animals, but we absolutely rely on the community to help us achieve our goal of finding homes for all of our adoptable animals,” said

SVACA’s Shelter Manager Michael Limper. “We believe we have something for every animal lover here at SVACA and hope folks will help us one way or another this summer.”

Here are just a few ways you can help make a difference for Santa Clara’s animals.

- **Volunteer or be a foster parent**  
SVACA needs dedicated individuals who love animals. Volunteers and foster parents make a huge difference for animals in need who otherwise would not receive a second chance. All volunteers and foster parents must first attend an orientation.
- **Attend the Pinot & Paws fundraiser**  
The Friends of SVACA, a nonprofit organization that supports SVACA’s programs, will host Pinot & Paws on June 13, 2010 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Pooch Hotel in Sunnyvale. More information about the group and event can be found at [www.friendsofsvaca.org](http://www.friendsofsvaca.org).
- **Make a donation**  
Donations to SVACA’s Animal Assistance Fund are used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals. Tax-deductible donations can be processed online at [www.svaca.com](http://www.svaca.com) or sent by mail to: SVACA’s Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054.
- **Adopt a cat**  
June is Adopt-a-Cat Month, and SVACA will reduce adoption fees by 50%. All adult cats one year and older will be available for \$50. Other requirements to adopt apply.
- **Report animal abuse**  
If you think an animal is being abused or neglected, report it to SVACA’s Field Services Department by calling 764-0344.
- **Control pet population**  
In an effort to reduce the pet overpopulation problem, SVACA offers low cost spay and neuter services to Santa Clara residents. For more information contact SVACA at 764-0358.
- **Make sure your animal is licensed**  
There are several benefits to licensing including expediting the return of your beloved pet should he or she become lost. A license can be a fast ticket home for your lost companion!

For more information on SVACA’s programs call 764-0344 or visit [www.svaca.com](http://www.svaca.com). SVACA’s Animal Care Center is located at 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara. SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Santa Clara, Campbell, and Monte Sereno. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area.



# SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

## ADA Committee

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Mission Library Family Reading Center, 1098 Lexington St.

The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations such as Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed. For further information, contact the Engineering Department at 615-3000.

## Vacancies on four City Commissions

### Volunteers Needed to Serve

The City of Santa Clara currently has vacancies on four Commissions: the Board of Library Trustees (1 vacancy), the Cultural Advisory Commission (1 vacancy – partial term), the Historical & Landmarks Commission (2 vacancies), and the Parks & Recreation Commission (1 vacancy).

The deadlines to receive applications for each commission, interview dates and times are as follows:

Commission/ Board	Deadline to apply 5 p.m.	Interview dates & times
Cultural Advisory Commission	June 9	June 15, 6 p.m.
Historical & Landmarks Commission	June 9	June 15, 6 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Commission	June 23	June 29, 6 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees	June 23	June 29, 6 p.m.

All interviews will occur in the City Hall reception lobby.

The five-member Board of Library Trustees advises the City Council on matters related to the operation of the Santa Clara Public Library, and generally meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd.

The seven-member Cultural Advisory Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the cultural enrichment and beautification of the City. The commission generally meets on the first Monday of each month at the City Hall Staff Conference Room, 1500 Warburton Ave.

The seven-member Historical & Landmarks Commission provides advice on the names and renaming of streets, museums and the establishment thereof in the City, and the marking and preservation of historical landmarks and places. This Commission generally meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Ave.

The seven-member Parks & Recreation Commission advises the City Council on matters regarding parks, recreation, playgrounds and entertainment. The Commission generally meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Staff Conference Room, 1500 Warburton Ave.

The City is also seeking residents who may be interested in serving on any of the City’s 10 boards or commissions, or on City committees, at some point in the future. Your name can be placed on a mailing list, and you will be notified when vacancies occur. The full list of board/commissions/committee include: Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Advisory Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, International Exchange Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission, Youth Commission, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee. Other committees, including the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee, would like to hear from interested members of the public who may be willing to serve.

If you are a registered or eligible voter (or in the case of the Youth Commission, a Santa Clara resident, age 12-19), and are interested in serving on any of these board/commissions/committees, or just want more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the Clerk’s Office on weekdays at 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) or visit the online website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).





Got a question? Text a librarian



There is a new way to communicate with Santa Clara City Library staff — text a librarian! You now can send text messages to the Library via your cell phone, using the phone number **66746**. Start your question with the keyword “**sccl**”— for example: *sccl Do you have Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck?*

Library staff members will text back an answer to your question. Responses to text messages are made Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., excluding holidays and Library closed days. For convenience, you might add the Text a Librarian phone number and keyword “**sccl**” to your cell phone’s contact list. Note that your standard cell phone provider message rates apply. If you have questions about this new service, call Library staff at 615-2900.

Improve Internet skills this summer

Summer is a great time to learn a new skill, and the Santa Clara City Library is offering several programs this summer on Internet-related activities. All are free and scheduled on Thursdays, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted, at Central Park Library. Reserve a spot by calling 615-2900. Sign up for eNotify on the City website and select Library Computer Classes to receive email notifications for additions or changes to the below schedule; your email address is not shared by the City, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

- *Getting More Out of Facebook* - June 8. Come prepared to access your own Facebook account and learn how to adjust privacy settings, create photo albums, and share online links and articles.
- *Internet/Catalog Search Skills* - June 10, July 15 or July 29. You will learn how to move around using a browser, and do basic searches on the Internet and the Library’s catalog.
- *More Internet Search Skills* - June 17, August 12 or August 19.
- *Encore* – June 24. Tour the Library’s new website and learn to use the search-enhanced catalog software.
- *Internet Basico/Buscar en el Internet y como usar el catalogo de libros* – July 8. Internet/Catalog Search Skills taught in Spanish.
- *Job Hunting Help* – July 22. A class to find good job search sites, and learn tips on navigating the California Employment Development Department’s website. See how to format a resume and send it in an email message to a job contact. It’s scheduled for 9:30-11 a.m.
- *craigslist Search Skills* – August 5. Use craigslist, a no-charge web-based classified ad service, to find friends, a job, or to buy or sell something.
- *Homework Help* – August 31, 7-8:30 p.m. A computer class for both parents and students in grades 3 – 12 that allows you to try out online services such as free tutoring, practice tests, book recommendations, learning a new language, and information for biography, state, and animal reports. Use your Santa Clara City Library Card for access.

Summer reading for all ages at the library

It’s summer reading time at the library! The 2010 Summer Reading Club for kids begins on Saturday, June 5, with a special Kickoff Party from 1-4 p.m. behind Central Park Library. This year’s theme is “Make A Splash @ Your Library” and children who sign up can earn a free paperback book. Central Park Library will offer related programs all summer including story times, family concerts and films, and school-age activities. Teens can earn a Borders gift card through their own summer reading program called “Make Waves @ Your Library.” Special programs for teens will also be scheduled this summer. Adults have a program of their own called “Water Your Mind.” Those who sign up and read five books get a prize for finishing. Enjoy free programming and a chance to win big at our final drawing. Check the Library website: [library.santaclaraca.gov](http://library.santaclaraca.gov), or come to the Library for more details about the 2010 Summer Reading Programs.

Online resources keep kids busy this summer

Children have no excuse to be bored this summer with the wealth of resources and services available through the Santa Clara City Library! Check out these and other fun and educational activities available through the Library and its website: [library.santaclaraca.gov](http://library.santaclaraca.gov).

*Brainfuse:* Brainfuse is a provider of one-on-one online tutoring for students, offering “Help Now” in math, science, social studies, and English/language arts. Tutoring is available from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day (including summer) in both English and Spanish. With Brainfuse, students receive individual attention from certified tutors through a kid-friendly online classroom. Brainfuse also has a skills building service that helps students master concepts, like fractions and grammar, through state-aligned online lessons. These skill building sessions are a great way to keep concepts fresh in kids’ minds over the summer and to avoid what educators call summer “brain drain.” To connect, look for the “Free Live Online Tutoring” button on the lower right of our home page, and have your Santa Clara City Library card on hand to log in.

*TumbleBooks:* The TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated, talking picture books, which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they’ll love. Your children also will find some educational games, as well as talking picture books in other languages, such as Spanish, French, Russian, Italian, and Chinese. Go to the Kids drop-down menu on the top of the Library’s home page, and choose TumbleBooks. You’ll need your Santa Clara City Library card to log in.

*Fun Game Sites:* Youth services Librarians have pre-selected some quality educational and entertaining Internet game sites for children. Go to the Kids drop-down menu and choose Fun Game Sites.

*Dial-a-Story:* Not close to a computer? If you have a phone, you’re never far away from a good story. Delight your child with a short book read over the phone by a Librarian. The recorded story is updated every few weeks. Please call 241-1611. (A helpful tip for parents and grandparents - we’re told Dial-a-Story is often used to humor the little ones while waiting in line at the grocery store or for a table in a restaurant. Try it and let us know how it works!)

Let the Santa Clara City Library help you keep your child engaged and entertained this summer!

More library information on pages 2 and 13.

B.Y.O.B. – Bring your own bag

Single-use carryout plastic grocery bags are a significant component of litter, which is negatively impacting the environment.

A simple and effective way to diminish the problem is to bring your own bags when shopping. Reusable bags and totes (made of canvas, mesh, recycled PET, etc.) can be easily stored and then used and reused on your trips to the market. Many grocery stores sell reusable bags for their customers’ convenience. Some offer “bag credit” (a small amount

off your total at the cash register) for bringing reusable bags. Grocery stores also offer on-site plastic bag recycling bins for customers who don’t bring their own bags.

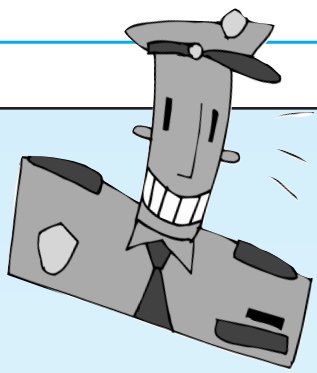
Plastic bags (grocery, shopping, dry cleaning, newspaper, bread) can also be recycled through the curbside recycling program. To improve recycling efficiency at the material recovery facility, place as many plastic bags as you can inside a single plastic bag, then place that bag in your blue cart. This is called “bag in bag” recycling and makes sorting the incoming materials significantly easier.







# CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



**Q If I park my car in a red “Fire Lane” zone on private property, can I receive a parking ticket?**

**A** The short answer to the question is yes, you can receive a ticket for parking in a red zone on private property. In some cases, your vehicle may even be towed away. It is never a good idea to park in a red zone, regardless of its location, because it could delay the response of the Fire Department in an emergency, inadvertently endangering others.

The red zone is most commonly used to prevent vehicles from parking in areas where emergency access is required, such as adjacent to fire hydrants, other fire equipment or areas that only provide the minimum 20-foot access for emergency vehicles. The red curbing can also be used in areas where a parked vehicle may obstruct or impede normal vehicle flow throughout the property.

If the red curbing on private property has been designated as an official fire lane intended to maintain Fire Department emergency access, then you may be ticketed. As long as the appropriate signage is posted, property owners have the right to tow vehicles from their property that are parked in these areas.

**Q I live in an apartment complex. Can my neighbors use a barbeque on their balcony?**

**A** If the balcony is constructed of wood or other combustible material, and it is not protected by fire sprinklers, the use of charcoal, liquefied-petroleum-gas or other open flame cooking devices on a balcony is prohibited. It is also illegal to use an open flame-cooking device within 10 feet of any combustible construction, which would include a wall with wood siding.

This restriction only applies to residential buildings with three or more dwelling units and does not apply to those balconies that are constructed using non-combustible materials, or that are protected by fire sprinklers.

Complaints regarding someone using a barbeque illegally should be reported to the Santa Clara Fire Department’s Division of Fire Prevention at 615-4970 during normal business hours. The Santa Clara Fire Department also recommends that you have a garden hose or fire extinguisher available when barbecuing.

# Graphic Packaging International honored in Business Recognition Program



A long-time business enterprise in Santa Clara was honored recently by the City Council as part of the Business Recognition Program, a joint program of the City and the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau. The program acknowledges the valuable contributions made by all businesses to the quality of life in the community. Firm representative Dick Johnston (third from right) and others from Graphic Packaging accepted the recognition on behalf of the company. Steve Van Dorn (fourth from left), President and Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau, also made a presentation to the company.

Graphic Packaging International began operations in Santa Clara in 1957, operating as Container Corporation of America. The company, which produces high-grade folding boxboard and liner board for locations throughout the Western United States, uses 100% recycled materials for their products. The company and its employees are also known for their support of numerous nonprofit agencies and their civic-mindedness. A proclamation and City tile were presented by the Mayor and City Council.

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100 open positions and reductions in City services and programs, such as reducing hours of operation at some facilities.

This is difficult news to hear for a community that has consistently made preserving programs and facilities a high priority. But without the back-up of emergency reserves, reduction in expenses by cutting back on service delivery will be unavoidable. It will be necessary to make budget cuts so that the City’s financial health can be restored. While these cuts will result in some reduction in services, the proposed budget will preserve City services and programs as much as possible, and keep facilities open, although some will have reduced hours of operation.

Staff is exploring a variety of ways to generate additional revenues such as increasing fees to full cost recovery and working with the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce to continue the “Shop Santa Clara” program to keep sales tax dollars within the City. Economic development activities will also continue to focus on encouraging businesses to locate, stay and expand in Santa Clara. The City will also continue to proactively seek federal economic stimulus ARRA funds for capital projects, and has had success in obtaining grants, such as \$3 million to expand the reclaimed water line project. But even if all the ideas for enhancing revenues are enacted, they will not be enough to solve the serious structural deficit budget situation facing the City of Santa Clara. Revenues will not be sufficient to support expenses of programs and facilities as they currently exist.

As Santa Clara is a service organization, about three-fourths of the City’s General Fund budget is spent on personnel, and salary and benefit costs are set to rise, based on pre-existing agreements with employee bargaining units.

Overall, the budget outlook is discouraging. Although the recession is considered by some economists to be officially “over,” recovery is going to be a long, slow process and Silicon Valley’s economy may never regain the go-go-go status of its best years. The budget challenge for the City of Santa Clara may very well last for several years. Despite these budget difficulties, the City is positive that the Santa Clara community will understand and work together with its City government to successfully bridge these challenges.

Several budget Study Sessions have already been held at City Council meetings. The FY 2010-11 budget Public Hearing is scheduled for June 15, 2010, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers. It will be broadcast live on municipal Cable Channel 15. Budget reports and presentations can be found on the City’s website [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

# When you don’t know who to call, dial 2-1-1

**Dial 2-1-1 for a free, non-emergency, telephone service that connects you with hundreds of community services. A trained, caring professional will help you – 24 hours a day – find information and referrals for:**



- Basic Needs
- Child & Elder Care
- Counseling
- Employment Assistance
- Health Services
- Immigration Assistance
- Volunteering & Donating and more!

**For everyday needs, and in times of crisis, call 2-1-1 to get connected and to get answers.**





# SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER

[All phone numbers are area code (408) unless otherwise noted.]

SERVICES	PROVIDER	PHONE NUMBER/WEBSITE
<b>Blood Pressure readings</b> ..... <i>Free service by appointment, Drop in Wed. 9:30-11:30am</i>	SCPRD .....	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Bus passes</b> ..... <i>Monthly bus stickers available for sale</i>	Valley Transportation Authority .....	321-2300/ <a href="http://www.vta.org">www.vta.org</a>
<b>Care Management Services</b> ..... <i>In-home assessment, connection to community resources, service coordination</i>	City of Santa Clara & COA ..	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.coasiliconvalley.com">www.coasiliconvalley.com</a>
<b>Health and Wellness</b> ..... <i>Health education, healthcare coaching, social engagement, home visits</i>	SCPRD .....	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Health Insurance &amp; Medicare Counseling (HICAP)</b> ..... <i>Free service by appointment</i>	Council on Aging .....	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.coasiliconvalley.com">www.coasiliconvalley.com</a>
<b>Help At Home</b> ..... <i>Information, Resource, and Referral Services</i>	SCPRD .....	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Legal Assistance (SALA)</b> ..... <i>Free service by appointment</i>	Senior Adult Legal Assistance .....	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.sala.org">www.sala.org</a>
<b>Notary Service</b> ..... <i>Free service by appointment, Fridays 8:00-9:00am</i>	Volunteer .....	615-3170/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Senior Meals</b> ..... <i>Reservations required, \$2.50 donation, M-F at 11:30am</i>	SCPRD & Santa Clara County ..	615-3174/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>

## CITY SERVICES FOR SENIORS AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE

<b>Home repairs, health &amp; safety issues (Grab bars/ramps)</b> ..... <i>Low Interest Rate For City of Santa Clara Homeowners</i>	Housing & Community Services ..	615-2490/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Library Home Delivery</b> ..... <i>Delivery of library materials to the homebound</i>	Santa Clara City Library.....	615-2916/ <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Utility assistance, energy audits, rebates, energy conservation</b> ..... <i>Rate assistance, attic insulation, home energy audit, appliance rebates, more</i>	Silicon Valley Power.....	244-SAVE/ <a href="http://www.siliconvalleypower.com">www.siliconvalleypower.com</a>

## SERVICES FOR SENIORS & OTHERS FROM SANTA CLARA'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS

<b>Emergency Housing Consortium</b> ..... <i>Shelter, housing, and support programs to help people rebuild their life</i>	EHC Lifebuilders .....	539-2100/ <a href="http://www.ehclifebuilders.org">www.ehclifebuilders.org</a>
<b>Domestic Violence</b> ..... <i>Emergency shelter for women and children, crisis intervention, education</i>	Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence .....	501-7550 279-2962/ <a href="http://nextdoor.org">nextdoor.org</a>
<b>Domestic Violence</b> ..... <i>Emergency shelter, counseling, support</i>	Support Network for Battered Women .....	800-572-2782 <a href="http://www.supportnetwork.org">www.supportnetwork.org</a>
<b>Grief Counseling-Centre for Living with Dying</b> .... <i>Grief counseling, emotional support</i>	Bill Wilson Center .....	243-0222/ <a href="http://www.billwilsoncenter.org">www.billwilsoncenter.org</a>
<b>Housing</b> ..... <i>Assist individuals and families find safe, stable, affordable housing</i>	Catholic Charities .....	325-5277/ <a href="http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org">www.catholiccharitiesscc.org</a>
<b>Housing Counseling</b> ..... <i>Tenant/landlord disputes, mortgage &amp; reverse mortgage info., housing info</i>	Project Sentinel .....	720-9888/ <a href="http://www.housing.org">www.housing.org</a>
<b>Long-term care ombudsman</b> ..... <i>Crisis line 800/231-4024 Skilled care &amp; residential care monitors</i>	Catholic Charities .....	944-0567/ <a href="http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org">www.catholiccharitiesscc.org</a>
<b>Operation Brown Bag</b> ..... <i>Food Connection-groceries, free hot meals</i>	Second Harvest Food Bank.....	800/984-3663/ <a href="http://www.shfb.org">www.shfb.org</a>
<b>Saint Justin Community Ministry</b> ..... <i>Food, clothing</i>	St. Justin Parish Community .....	983-0360/ <a href="http://www.st-justin.org">www.st-justin.org</a>
<b>Santa Clara County Area Agency on Aging</b> ..... <i>Information &amp; services for all seniors</i>	Council on Aging Silicon Valley .....	296-8290 <a href="http://www.coasiliconvalley.com">www.coasiliconvalley.com</a>
<b>Senior Day Care</b> ..... <i>Senior Day services, five locations</i>	Live Oak Senior Day Services .....	971-9363 <a href="http://www.liveoakadulthoodcare.org">www.liveoakadulthoodcare.org</a>
<b>Services for people with disabilities</b> ..... <i>Comprehensive counseling, independent living skills training for disabled</i>	Silicon Valley Independent Living Center.....	894-9041/ <a href="http://www.svilc.org">www.svilc.org</a>
<b>Transportation</b> ..... <i>Subsidized transportation service for Santa Clara seniors and disabled</i>	Outreach & Escort .....	436-2865/ <a href="http://www.outreach1.org">www.outreach1.org</a>
<b>Transportation</b> ..... <i>Escorted transportation seniors</i>	Heart of the Valley .....	241-1571/ <a href="http://www.servicesforseniors.org">www.servicesforseniors.org</a>

Santa Clara Senior Center  
1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050  
408/615-3170  
Mon-Thu 7:00am-7:00pm • Fri 7:00am-5:00pm • Sat 9:00am-3:00pm  
[www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov) • Office closes 30 minutes prior to building

# Parks & Rec

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- addition, kids will enjoy recreational games, weekly field trips, and swimming. This camp is held at Millikin School, where campers prepare for an annual End of the Summer Show for parents and family. Call 615-3140 for more information.
- ❖ *Just4Kicks Soccer Camps* (5-13 yrs.) Just4Kicks, inc. conducts a program focusing on the development of skills and fundamentals required for the game of soccer. Activities will emphasize learning and having fun, and not just winning. Various levels of instruction are available based on age and ability, and are held at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center or Youth Soccer Park. Call 615-3760 for more information.
  - ❖ *Sports Camps* (5-13 yrs.) Fun-filled summer days consist of sports, weekly field trips, and excursions to Warburton Pool and the International Swim Center. Sport Adventure (5-7 yrs.), Sports Jam (8-10 yrs.), and Sport Escape (11-13 yrs.) camps are held at the Youth Activity Center. Call 615-3760 for more information.
  - ❖ *Summer Gymnastics Camp* (5-14 yrs.) This summer camp incorporates gymnastics into fun and exciting, indoor and outdoor activities at Earl Carmichael Park. Call 615-3140 for more information.
  - ❖ *Teen Breakaway* (11-15 yrs.) Breakaway camp meets at the Teen Center where teens embark on daily field trips. Discovery Kingdom, Moonlight Lanes, San Francisco Pier 39, and Water World, USA are just a few of the many trips planned for this summer. Call 615-3740 for more information.
  - ❖ *Tiny Timbers / Day Camp* (5-10 yrs.) Offered at Lick Mill and Maywood Parks, campers will experience fun recreational games, crazy songs, creative arts and crafts, and exhilarating field trips. Kids will also enjoy a weekly end-of-camp barbeque and swimming. Call 615-3740 for more information.
  - ❖ *Youth Tennis Mini-Camp* (9-14 yrs.) This camp emphasizes the fundamentals of tennis through exciting drills and games while helping players understand effective stroke mechanics, match play preparation, and basic strategy for novice to intermediate students. Instruction is held at the Santa Clara Tennis Center at Central Park. Call 615-3140 for more information.
- ## CLASSES
- ❖ *Classes for All Ages* are available this summer at the Santa Clara Senior Center, the Community Recreation Center, the Teen Center, and the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Fitness, arts and crafts, dance, tennis and more are offered each session. Refer to the *Summer Recreation Activities Guide* (available at all of the above locations) or register for courses online at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov), and select the Activities and Classes button to view the course selection.
  - ❖ *Aquatics* - Swimming classes are offered by certified instructors at Warburton, Mary Gomez, and Montague pools. Whether you are a first-time swimmer or you want to refine your stroke, there is a class for any age and skill level.
  - ❖ *Preschool Adventures in Learning* – Register now for the Fall. Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes are available at Westwood Oaks Park and the Community Recreation Center. The curriculum is carefully designed to meet the developmental needs of three and four year olds. Call 615-3140 for more information on all classes.





## New rate changes may be coming soon

Proposed rate increases for the garbage and recycling program services were considered at a public hearing at the end of May. If the proposed rates were approved (final action unknown at print time), the new rates could become effective on utility billings as early as July 1, 2010.

Service Type/Level	Current Rate per Month	Proposed Monthly Increase	Proposed Monthly Rates, July 2010
Single-Family Residential*			
- 1 can (32 gal.) or small cart	\$18.00	+ \$2.65	\$20.65
- 2 cans (two 32 gal.) or medium cart	\$26.94	+ \$3.16	\$30.10
- 3 cans (three 32 gal.) or large cart	\$35.88	+ \$3.67	\$39.55
- 1 can (20 gal.) Super Saver cart	\$12.65	+ \$2.35	\$15.00
- Additional (32 gal.) cans	\$8.94/can	+ \$0.51	\$9.45/can
Clean-Up Campaign charge for residence (unless excepted)	\$3.80	No change	\$3.80
Household Hazardous Waste	\$0.25	+ \$0.05	\$0.30
All other Garbage rates	-	+ 5.5%	-

*\*Rate includes \$8.53/month for Clean Green green waste collection (\$0.98 increase) and \$2.36/month for recycling collection (\$1.16 increase).*

A proposed 5.5% increase in all other garbage collection and disposal rates is necessary to cover projected increased cost of collection and disposal. Single-family residential rates include fees for the Clean Green green waste collection program of \$8.53 (\$0.98 increase), and the recycling collection program charge of \$2.36 per residence (\$1.16 increase). The proposed rate increases develop revenues to cover three types of increased expenses: 1) cost-of-living adjustments in contracts with the private companies that provide garbage collection, Clean Green, and disposal services; 2) increased State, County, and City of San Jose disposal taxes and fees; and 3) increased costs for expanded recycling services and City of Santa Clara billing and program costs.

The charge for the annual Clean-Up Campaign will remain the same. The Household Hazardous Waste Program charge will increase to \$0.30 per month (\$0.05 increase).

For more information about the proposed increases in rates for Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling program services, call the City Street Department at 615-2051.

## Keep storm drains free of construction waste

One source of storm water pollution is the accidental or deliberate disposal of concrete and cement-related product wastes, such as plaster and tile cuttings, into the storm drain system.

Storm drains are not connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment plants. Their purpose is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. The water (and any pollutants) in storm drains flows directly to local creeks, rivers, lakes and estuaries, which eventually go to San Francisco Bay, with no treatment. As a result, polluted waters can have an adverse effect on fish, invertebrates and the aquatic environment. If contractors aren't careful, concrete, mortar and masonry wastes can be easily washed into City storm drain systems and eventually into San Francisco Bay.

Residents can protect water quality and prevent storm water pollution by making sure that contractors are careful with the handling and disposal of concrete during home improvement projects. The prevention of storm water pollution is a responsibility shared by everyone involved.

Make sure you deal only with reputable contractors. If you have any questions about whether a contractor is properly licensed to do the work, contact the California State Contractors License Board at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). Inform contractors that rinsing trucks or equipment in the street or near a storm drain endangers wildlife in our creeks and the Bay – and it's illegal!

- If you use contractors, make sure your contractor:
- 1) Establishes a cleanup area before starting work.
  - 2) Minimizes use of water in cleanup.
  - 3) Rinses mixers, tools, and trailers and

equipment onto an isolated dirt area where rinse water won't run into the gutter, or places a wheelbarrow under the chute and/or other equipment to catch rinse water, and wheels it to a dirt area for disposal.

- 4) Rinses exposed aggregate onto a dirt area away from streets, storm drains or creeks.
- 5) Uses the preferred practice for disposing cement wash water, which is to contain the wash water on soil, preferably in a bowl-shaped area to prevent the wash water from flowing out of the washout area.
- 6) Is familiar with the practices listed, or includes them in your contract.

Remember that you are responsible for your contractor's actions. Keep our creeks and the Bay clean and healthy for fish, wildlife and ourselves. By protecting the storm drains, creeks and the Bay, you are protecting the environment for your children and future generations. Questions? Contact Elliot Wier at 615-3080.

If you notice any unusual substance in or around your storm drain or creeks, or if you witness an illegal dumping violation in the City of Santa Clara, immediately call 911.



## Household hazardous waste drop-off

Safe and easy disposal of household hazardous waste is available for Santa Clara residents at a drop-off event on Saturday, July 31, at the City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave. Residents must register to attend this event (or any of the drop-off events scheduled throughout the year) by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 299-7300 or registering online at [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org).

Residents can dispose of fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, Sharps containers, prescription medications, and other types of household hazardous wastes at any of the drop-off events.

Items NOT accepted include appliances and white goods (refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, washing machines, dryers, microwaves, etc.), ammunition, explosives, reactives, or containers larger than five gallons. Contact the Police Department at 615-4700 regarding disposal of ammunition or explosives.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program is now accepting electronic waste at select drop-off events throughout the County. Electronic waste (or e-waste) is generally considered items that require a battery or cord to operate, such as televisions, computers, telephones, handheld video games, printers, fax machines, etc.

## Report scavenging from recycle bins

It is illegal for any person except Recology, the City recycling collection vendor, to collect materials that have been set out curbside in recycling program bins. The materials gathered by Recology help to offset the cost of the curbside recycling program for Santa Clara residents.

Scavenging materials from the recycle bins is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail. If you see someone scavenging from the recycling bins, call 615-5580 (non-emergency Police dispatch) and give a description of the person scavenging from the bin, the street where the scavenging is taking place and the direction in which the person is heading. If a car, truck or van is being used, report the license number, as well as the color, make and model of the vehicle.

## How to dispose of pressure treated wood

Pressure-treated lumber (sometimes used for fencing or decking) is treated with chemicals and non-biodegradable, and should be disposed of as hazardous waste. Under State law AB1343, pressure-treated lumber may only be disposed of in a hazardous-material landfill or in a composite-lined portion of a municipal landfill that meets specific requirements. The County Household Hazardous Waste Program recommends either Kirby Canyon Landfill, 910 Coyote Creek Golf Dr., Morgan Hill, or Guadalupe Rubbish Disposal, 15999 Guadalupe Mines Rd., San Jose.

For more information on disposal of treated wood waste at these facilities, call Kirby Canyon Landfill at 779-2206 or Guadalupe Rubbish Disposal at 268-1666.





## Proper refuse setouts

Make solid waste collection/recycling day easy and efficient by following these simple guidelines:

- Place refuse and recyclables curbside prior to 7 a.m. of your collection day.
- Place garbage, Clean Green and recycling carts in the gutter with the wheels against the curb, at least 3 feet away from each other and from obstacles such as parked cars, landscaping, etc. Cart lids must be closed.
- After materials have been collected, return all three carts to the backyard or side yard, until next collection day. Do not leave carts in the front yard or in the street.
- Four-plexes, five-plexes, and six-plexes with cart service should be sure to remove carts from street after collection and return them to their designated storage location.

**Garbage:** Place household garbage (non-hazardous solid waste) in your wheeled, black garbage cart. Loose materials, such as ashes, sawdust, and pet waste, should be securely wrapped or bagged to prevent them from littering your neighborhood when carts are emptied. Cart lids must be closed. Household batteries should be in a Ziploc-style plastic bag with the terminals taped and set on top of the black garbage cart for collection.

**Clean Green yard waste:** Place grass clippings, weeds, leaves, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and tree trimmings, plant materials and flowers in your Clean Green cart. Branches must fit inside the cart (no overhanging branches). Do NOT place food or garbage, plastics, mixed paper, cardboard, pet waste, dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, construction material, ashes, treated/painted wood, commercially purchased sod, stumps or tree trunks larger than 4 inches in your cart.

**Recycling:** Place recyclable materials (see list in the next column) in your wheeled, blue recycling cart or next to cart, if appropriate. Cart lids must be closed.

**Glass:** Food and beverage jars and bottles. No window or mirrored glass.

**Metal:** Aluminum, tin and bi-metal beverage and food containers. Clean aluminum foil and pie pans (NO food residue). Metal pots and pans (NO Teflon).

**Plastics (NO STYROFOAM):** Food, water, soft drink, milk, juice, detergent, shampoo, and other containers marked #1 to #7 (check for recycling symbol and number on the bottom of the container).

**Plastic bags:** Plastic grocery, shopping, dry cleaning, newspaper and bread bags. Place as many bags as you can into one of the plastic bags you are recycling ("bag in bag" recycling) and put in blue cart.

**Papers:** Newspapers, magazines, letter paper, envelopes, manila folders, junk mail, cereal boxes with liners removed, paper egg cartons, etc.

**Cardboard (heavy corrugated):** Break down and cut into pieces small enough to fit in blue cart, or if very large, cut into pieces 3' x 3', bundle with string or twine and set beside blue cart.

**Used motor oil:** Place in one-gallon (or less) plastic containers (such as old motor oil bottles or rinsed detergent, fabric softener, milk or juice jugs) with screw-top lids. Pop-top plastic containers may also be used; be sure to tape the top down securely with masking or duct tape. Label the container "waste oil" and set beside blue cart.

**Used motor oil filters:** Seal in Ziploc-style, leak-proof plastic bags and place on top of blue cart.

**CFL's (NO fluorescent tubes; single-family homes only):** Seal compact fluorescent light bulbs in Ziploc-style plastic bags and set beside blue cart.

For more information, call 615-2063 or check the City website at:

[santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1191](http://santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1191)

[santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1192](http://santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1192)

[santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1256](http://santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=1256) or call 615-2063.

## Overflowing cleanout? Sewer backed up?

If the sanitary sewer line at your home is overflowing from the cleanout or backed up, and both your sinks and toilets are not draining, the City of Santa Clara may be able to help you at no cost. Call the City of Santa Clara's Sewer Utility for a diagnosis of your plumbing problem. Water & Sewer Utilities can be reached during normal business hours at 615-2000. For after hours, weekends and holiday access, call 615-5640.

If the problem is from the public side of the lateral between the property line and the street or if a blockage is caused by the main, City staff will deal with the problem and give you information on the work that was performed. Call the City first. The City of Santa Clara is not able to reimburse fees incurred by residents who hire a private sewer contractor or plumber and then discover that the problem was caused by a City main stoppage. However, if the City finds that the problem stems from the private side of the sewer lateral, you will be advised to call a plumber to resolve your issue.

If your home does not have a property line clean out, you can contract with the City of Santa Clara or a private contractor to have one installed. To schedule a cleanout installation with the City, call Water & Sewer Utilities during normal business hours at 615-2000.

The best solution for keeping your sewer line free flowing is always prevention, so remember to keep fat, oil, and greases out of your pipes and the sewer system.

## Free commercial business recycling

The City of Santa Clara and Mission Trail Waste Systems are working together to enhance business recycling opportunities in areas zoned for commercial use. Mission Trail Waste Systems will provide commercial business customers with a 96-gallon container for single-stream recycling at no charge, upon request.

Through this new program, commercial business customers will be able to recycle mixed paper, cardboard, and empty beverage containers (aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles). The recycling containers will be collected once a week. Commercial business customers requiring more than 96 gallons per week of recycling service can obtain a larger container that will be charged at a rate of approximately 75% to 80% of the cost of the corresponding garbage container service level. To set up commercial business recycling service, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 727-5365.

## What is recycled water?

Residents may be familiar with the bright purple pipes and signs located throughout the City, but not know much about what they represent – an innovative effort to increase the use of recycled water.

Nature has recycled water since the beginning of time through a constant cycle of precipitation and evaporation. Even when California has an above average rainy season and snow pack, water is a resource that needs to be conserved and used wisely. Recycling water adds to the community's water supply.

Recycling water is similar to recycling other materials such as bottles and cans.

Wastewater from sinks, toilets, and drains inside homes, businesses and schools travels through an underground pipe system, known as the sanitary sewer system, before it arrives for tertiary treatment at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant.

For over a decade, the Plant has been imitating the natural water cycle at an accelerated rate through a series of treatment

processes that remove 99% of the impurities in waste water and make it safe to use for purposes other than drinking water. Recycled water is used primarily for landscape irrigation and commercial purposes.

The California Department of Public Health sets high treatment standards for recycled water. There has never been any reported illness from using recycled water, though you still should not drink it. It is a reliable, sustainable, drought-proof water supply that costs customers less than drinking water.

In 1989, the City of Santa Clara initiated the first recycled water transmission and delivery system in the Bay Area. Since then, the program has grown regionally and become the South Bay Water Recycling Program, reducing the discharge of treated water flowing from the San

Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant into San Francisco Bay. Recycled water is now directed into more than 100 miles of recycled water pipeline that serves Santa Clara, San Jose and Milpitas. Four more miles of recycled pipeline will be installed soon, funded by a \$3 million grant from the federal stimulus program.



## Greenhouse gas

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businesses on how to improve energy efficiency.

Santa Clara will also continue to convert its general government automobile fleet to hybrid/alternative fuel technology with a goal of 100 percent conversion by 2012. Currently, 90 percent of the general government fleet uses fuel-saving hybrid technology.

The City has capital funding in place to implement most of the recommendations for GHG reductions. Santa Clara received over \$1.1 million in federal stimulus funding to make energy upgrades including solar installations, lighting retrofits and building improvements.





# Cool cash for cool energy-saving ideas

A little breeze goes a long way on a hot summer day, and rebates from Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the municipal Electric Utility, make it easy to beat the heat with energy-saving installations for residential customers. Efficient room air conditioners, fans and pool pumps can also lower your electricity bill.

Installing an Energy Star®-qualified room air conditioner to replace an existing room air conditioner can qualify for a \$50 rebate from SVP. To receive the rebate, all old room air conditioners must be functioning properly and be recycled through Jaco Environmental. Call Jaco at 1-877-577-0510 to schedule a pick-up.

Installing a whole house fan, which removes hot air from your home in the evening, can qualify for a \$200 rebate and be a real heat-beater. All fans reduce the need to run your energy-hungry air conditioner, and they really make a difference when you don't have air conditioning. Solar-powered attic fans are another way to cool your home and save money on your summer cooling bill, and the cost can be offset by a \$100 rebate.

Energy Star® ceiling fans can give you \$35 for each fan installed. Ceiling fans are an efficient way to stay cool, with improved motors and blade designs, giving them 50% more efficiency than conventional fans.

If you have a pool, you'll enjoy your swim even more if you've collected a \$200 rebate for replacing your existing pool pump with a new high efficiency two-speed or variable-speed motor. All pumps and motors must be new, and be three horsepower or less. Above ground pools, ponds, pool cleaners, spas and water feature pumps do not qualify.

For information on how to collect your summer rebates, go to [siliconvalleypower.com/rebates](http://siliconvalleypower.com/rebates). Download a copy of the Rebate Application, fill it out, fax or mail it in with a copy of your receipt, and postmark it no later than 60 days after purchase.

# Energy efficiency: Can we do more?

Santa Clara residents knowledgeable about renewable power have put the City on the green power map, but a recent study says we can do a lot more to be energy-efficient.

The research showed that most customers of Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the municipal Electric Utility, who have never had a free energy audit or collected a cash rebate, believe that making energy-efficient improvements is "too costly." But cash rebates and energy cost savings can actually pay for improvements and provide long-term savings over time.

The residential energy study by RKS Research and Consulting showed that customers who have not taken advantage of audits or rebates were still likely to have taken some energy-saving actions in their home.

"Santa Clara residents are in general very energy-conscious and concerned about the environment," said Larry Owens, Customer Service Manager for SVP. "This research tells us that we need to reach out even more to the residents who have not participated in our rebate programs, and let them know how easy it is to make more improvements around their home, get cash rebates and start saving money on their electric bills."

Rebates are available for a number of household energy-efficiency improvements, from fans and window air conditioners to pool pumps and Energy Star® appliances. Some rebates are described in the article found above.

Call 244-7283 (244-SAVE) or visit [siliconvalleypower.com/rebates](http://siliconvalleypower.com/rebates) to learn more about how you can save energy – and money – with rebates.

# Learn about energy use by appliances

How much electricity do appliances in your home use? Residents can find out by checking out a Kill-A-Watt meter from the City Library. The meters are easy to use – just plug it into an electric outlet and an appliance – and are a great learning tool about energy consumption. They are available at both Central Park Library and Mission Library Family Reading Center. Or call the municipal Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power, at 244-SAVE, for information.

# Amplified Sound Permits

Permits for outdoor sound amplification are required by the City of Santa Clara in order to minimize neighborhood noise impacts. These permits are necessary for live or recorded sound or music when amplified out-of-doors by more than normal portable stereo equipment.

Amplified sound permit request forms can be obtained and submitted at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave. Go to the Finance Department Municipal Services/Business Tax Division window. Amplified sound permit request forms for Central Park may be obtained and submitted at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd.

Permit request forms should be submitted with a payment of \$30 at least two weeks prior to the event. Any event scheduled beyond 10 p.m. requires City Council approval. All permit request applications for residential addresses are checked with the Police Department Records Division to determine whether there have been disturbances in that location in the past year. Previous violations could be a reason for denial of the amplified sound permit.

Please remember to be a good neighbor. A permit is not a "license to disturb the peace." Even with a permit, complaints from neighbors about the amplification can result in police shutting down the sound/music. For more information, contact the City at 615-2310.

# New bridges installed in Central Park



One of two bridges over Saratoga Creek in Central Park that were replaced, shown before (top) and after (bottom).

Two aging pedestrian bridges over Saratoga Creek in Central Park were recently replaced with strong, durable, low maintenance models. The bridges were set into place in April and additional site work on surrounding pathways will continue this summer.

The original bridges were made of wood that had deteriorated after 25 years of use and weather. The new bridges are prefabricated steel truss bridges with hardwood decking that fit well on the existing foundations. The bridges are COR10 steel, designed to rust and not be painted, therefore reducing maintenance.

One bridge is located near the Pavilion. The second bridge, known as the Memorial bridge, is located near the Community Recreation Center.

# Residents may qualify for free exterior house painting

Santa Clara homeowners whose homes need exterior painting may qualify for free painting this summer through a special, limited-time program offered by the City of Santa Clara. The BRIGHT HOME Program, which is funded by a grant from the federal economic stimulus program, provides free exterior house painting to income-qualified homeowners. The house must be owner-occupied and free of building or code deficiencies. Household income limits to qualify are: \$59,400 for a family of one; \$67,900 for a family of two; \$76,400 for a family of three; and \$84,900 for a family of four. To apply, call the Housing & Community Services Division at 615-2490.

SANTA CLARA GREEN POWER PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL

Santa Clara Green Power is a voluntary renewable energy program from Silicon Valley Power that matches 100% of your estimated monthly electricity usage with wind and solar for an additional 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. The product is made up of the following new renewable resources averaged annually.

Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>1</sup> Renewables in Santa Clara Green Power			Generation Location	
	2009	2010 (projected)	2009	2010 (projected)
Solar	3.73%	5%	California	California
Wind	96.27%	95%	California, Idaho, Oregon	Western U.S.
Total	100%	100%		

1. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after 1/1/97.

For comparison, the 2008 average mix of resources supplying Silicon Valley Power includes: Coal (23.6%), Nuclear (1%), Natural Gas (26.1 %), Large Hydroelectric (19.2 %), and Eligible Renewables (30.1 %).

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Silicon Valley Power at 408-244-SAVE (7283), email [green@siliconvalleypower.com](mailto:green@siliconvalleypower.com), or visit [www.siliconvalleypower.com/green](http://www.siliconvalleypower.com/green).

Green-e Energy certifies that Santa Clara Green Power meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).





# More summer events

## Antiques Appraisal Show and Tell

July 14

Do you have an antique or collectable that you think might be valuable? Do you envy the people that get selected to have a family heirloom evaluated on Antique Roadshow? If so, buy a ticket for the Harris-Lass Museum Antiques Appraisal Show and Tell. It will be held on Wednesday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 1889 Market St.

Each ticket holder may bring one item. Only one item per person will be appraised. Tickets are \$15 each and include a box luncheon served at 11:30 a.m.

Appraisals will be made by former Antiquarium shop owner Denise Harr and assistant from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tickets can be ordered from: Antique Appraisal Luncheon Coordinator, 1983 Harrison St., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Tickets limited to 50 people. For more information, call Anita at 296-5949.

## Summer genealogy programs

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society is sponsoring two free genealogy programs at the Central Park Library Cedar Room this summer.

- Tuesday, June 15, 7-8:45 p.m., *R.A.M.B.L.E. America: Conditions that Affected Migration in North America*

Robyn Echols from the Merced County Genealogical Society will explain how the acronym “R.A.M.B.L.E.” can be used to remember the six most important factors influencing migration in America: R=Religion; A=Acquisition & Exploration; M=Minerals & Money; B=Bounty Land; L=Land in General; and E=Environment. Learn why one or more of these six factors usually will explain why your old country ancestor decided to migrate to North America.

- Tuesday, July 20, 7-8:45 p.m., *Black Sheep of the Family*

Almost everybody has at least one misbehaving ancestor in his or her family tree. This person usually is referred to as the “Black Sheep of the Family.” The easiest ones to trace are the worst of the breed—criminals and con men who turn up in court records and newspaper headlines. The hardest to trace are those who abandon their families or ‘disappear’ in hard times. There also is a range of disreputable characters in between these extremes. Noted Genealogy Lecturer John Gleed, who is affiliated with the San Mateo County Genealogical Society and the Menlo Park Family History Center, will address this topic.

For more information about both of these programs, call 615-2909. See the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society’s website, <http://scchgs.org>, for more information on its services and programs. Local History Librarian Mary Hanel also may be contacted for information—by phone: 615-2909 or email: [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Friends of the Library Book Sales

June 19, July 17, August 21

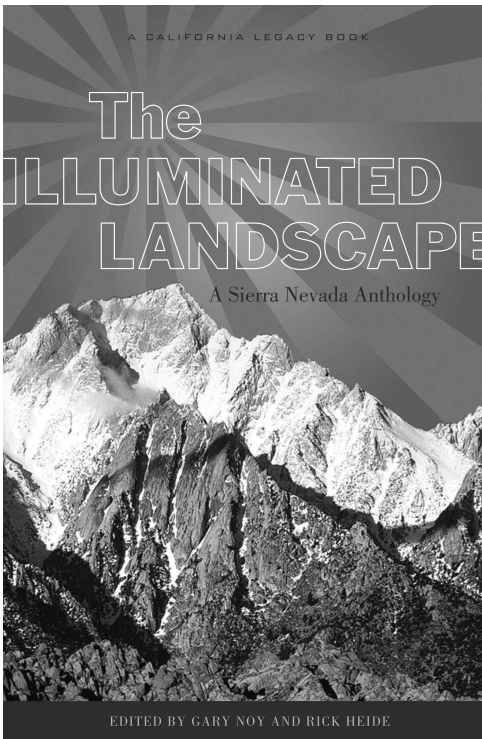
Add to your private book collection, find a bargain, and support the Santa Clara City Library. Book sales will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Visit [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org) for more information about the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library or call 615-2987.

## Book Party for *The Illuminated Landscape: A Sierra Nevada Anthology*

June 16

The two editors of *The Illuminated Landscape: A Sierra Nevada Anthology*, a collection of essays, poetry, and stories by well-known California authors that highlight the cultural, environmental, and spiritual allure of California’s magnificent Sierra Nevada mountain range, will be on hand at Central Park Library for a Book Party celebrating the publication of this new book.

The free event will be held Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. with Gary Noy, a history professor and the Director of the Sierra College Center for Sierra Nevada Studies, and Rick Heide, a member of the San Francisco Bay Area publishing



community and a resident of the Sierra Nevada foothills. Both will speak and read some of their favorite passages.

The book is divided into six sections based on eras in time from the days of the Yokut people to the 1800s, the 1900s, and to the present. The anthology includes pieces by James Houston, Henry David Thoreau, Mark Twain, Isabel Allende, Maxine Hong Kingston, John Muir, Kevin Starr, Ansel Adams, Jack Kerouac, Gary Snyder, and Wallace Stegner.

The book party is co-sponsored by Heyday Books, Santa Clara University’s California Legacy Project, and the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library.

Santa Clara University Bookstore staff will provide copies of the book for sale and for the editors to sign. Refreshments will be served. Reservations should be made in advance by calling 615-2900. For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by phone: 615-2909 or email: [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Visit the newest museum



The Agnews Historic Cemetery and Museum opened officially in May at 1250 Hope Drive, between Lick Mill Boulevard and Lafayette Street. It is open by appointment only. Tour arrangements can be made by calling 615-3790.

The facility includes the historic cemetery grounds where some are buried who once lived at the Agnews Residential Facility. A new Visitors Center contains artifacts and photos of the people who lived and worked at the Agnews State Hospital (later the Agnews Developmental Center) between 1888 and 2009. Volunteer docents are needed for the museum. For details, email [l.dejanvier@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:l.dejanvier@santaclaraca.gov).

## Adventures to Go, for travelers age 50+

The Santa Clara Senior Center travel program, *Adventures to Go*, provides carefree travel options to individuals age 50 and up. Each month offers an array of day trips to different locations in Northern California, and throughout the year there are overnight and week-long trips to popular destinations in California and the United States. Trips range from low activity, for those wishing to move at a slower pace, to high activity for more active travelers.

You can visit a museum, historical site, or garden, go to the theater or a sporting event, hike or go boating, try your luck at a casino, and more. New trips are announced each month after *Let’s Talk Travel*, a free presentation offered the fourth Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Trip information is also in the monthly *Adventures to Go* newsletter, available at the Santa Clara Senior Center and online ([santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov)) under Parks & Recreation, Senior Center. Call 615-3170 for more information.

## Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 25, 2010, is “Senior Day,” and a fun day to join friends at the annual Ice Cream Social held at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. The event begins at 1 p.m. with plenty of ice cream and a variety of toppings for seniors to create their favorite sundaes! Price: \$2; Santa Clara Senior discount: \$1.





# Employment Opportunities



**POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER:**

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$8,467 - \$10,288. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$6,468. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff's department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Candidates must attach a copy of their POST t-score of 50 or better to their City application for Police Officer or Police Officer.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER I:**

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,891 - \$7,142. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate and a Medical Priorities Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II:**

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$6,328 – \$7,686. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of

taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION TECHNICIAN:**

Electric Utility Generation Technician monthly salary range is \$7,658 - \$9,322. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are scheduled as a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**ELECTRICIAN:**

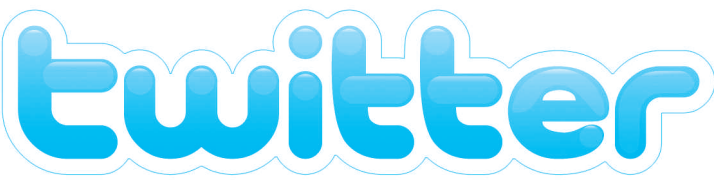
Electrician monthly salary range is \$7,117 - \$8,641. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**JOURNEY LINeworker:**

Journey Lineworker monthly salary range is \$7,117 - \$8,641. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of appointment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Incumbents in this position are required to become rubber glove certified as a condition of holding the classification of Journey Lineworker within nine (9) months of appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.



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# SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

## Santa Clara Museums



### Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum’s permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org).



### de Saisset Museum

The de Saisset Museum is the South Bay’s free museum of art and history. The museum was founded adjacent to Mission Santa Clara de Asís on the Santa Clara University campus in 1955 and is one of only three museums in the South Bay accredited by the American Association of Museums. The de Saisset presents a diverse and accessible range of exhibitions and educational programs that highlight the art and history of the San Francisco Bay Area and the local Santa Clara Valley. The Museum’s collection focuses on six main areas including California history, Mission-era liturgical vestments, decorative arts, works on paper, painting and sculpture, and new media. Admission to the de Saisset Museum is free. Galleries are open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. To confirm hours and obtain more information visit [www.scu.edu/desaisset](http://www.scu.edu/desaisset) or call 554-4528.



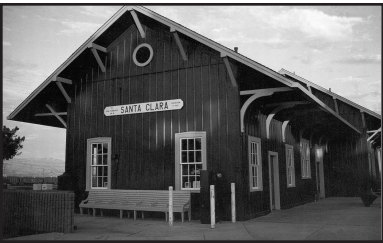
### Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.



### Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in



the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 2 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 615-2488 or email: [BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov).

### South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at [sbhrs.org](http://sbhrs.org).

### Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905 or see [harrislass.org](http://harrislass.org). See page 5 for event information.

### Santa Clara Woman’s Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman’s Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman’s Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman’s Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.



**Pictured top to bottom, above:**

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

## Other Consortium Member Groups

### Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call Club Vice President Grant Danielson, 248-0939.

### Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

### Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org).

### Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City’s International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara’s two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 244-7551 or see the website at [santaclarasistercities.org](http://santaclarasistercities.org).

### Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

### Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara - Berryessa Adobe\*
- de Saisset Museum\*
- Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America
- Garden City Doll Club
- Goldentones\*
- Harvest Moon Quilters
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara\*
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Orchard Valley Fine Arts Foundation
- Santa Clara Art Association\*
- Santa Clara City Library\*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society\*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association\*
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation\*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman’s Club\*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara\*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society\*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Triton Museum of Art\*

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

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## PAL offers variety of summer sports

Summer is a busy season for the Police Athletic League (PAL), a volunteer organization that offers local youngsters the opportunity to enjoy sports, learn about teamwork, and achieve confidence under the guidance of adult coaches. For more details on any of the following summer programs, call 615-4880, visit the PAL Office, 601 El Camino Real, (M-F, 1-5 p.m.) or visit [www.santadarapal.org](http://www.santadarapal.org).



- Sign-ups for the soccer season are scheduled through July 31 for ages 5-16 years.
- The PAL-GAL Softball Tournament for girls ages 10, 12, 14, and 16 is scheduled for July 23, 24 & 25 at Mission College and Central Park. Fees are 375.00 per team. First come, first served. Call 615-4880 to sign up.
- The 33rd Annual Santa Clara PAL Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 20 at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club. The registration fee is \$175.00 and includes golf and cart, tee prizes and awards, lunch and dinner, on course refreshments and more. All proceeds support PAL programs including PAL activity scholarships for kids.
- The PAL BMX track at the end of Lafayette St near Highway 237 is open year round. BMX is one of the newest Olympic sports, and boys and girls of

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## Holiday waste collection schedule; Municipal closures

Sunday, July 4 is Independence Day. There will be no change to the solid waste collection schedule the week of the Independence Day holiday. City facilities will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the holiday. The City Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5.



**INSIDE SANTA CLARA**  
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## Survey of senior issues and interest

This issue of “Inside Santa Clara” includes an important insert! The enclosed Senior Needs Survey will help the City better understand issues important to residents aged 50 and older, one of the City Council priorities for 2009-2011.

City staff has worked with local non-profit agencies and social service organizations to develop this assessment tool. Residents can support this effort by completing the survey and returning it to the City. Or you can complete the survey online at <http://santaclara.gov/Survey/Seniors> The City will compile survey results and provide the Council with this helpful information. If you are age 50+, or have a family member who is a senior, please complete this survey, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same!

## Dance in the street



The Franklin Square Street Dance, featuring the **Sun Kings**, will be held on Friday, Aug. 6, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This great band will send more than one amazed shiver down your backbone with their uncanny

renditions of your favorite Beatles songs. From ballads to belt-it-out rockers, and everything in between, they play your favorites just the way you remember them.

The dance will be held on Jackson Street between Homestead Rd. and Benton St., adjacent to Franklin Square. Admission and parking are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase, or plan to start the evening by making reservations for an early dinner at a Franklin Square restaurant. Don't miss this great event, sponsored by the City Cultural Advisory Commission. For more information, call 615-2219.